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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Fu-Sheng Chen) Group Art Unit: 2836
Application No.: 09/802,924) Examiner: Nguyen, Danny
Filed: March 12, 2001)
For: ELECTROSTATIC CHUCK)
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
MAINTAINING THE SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 9, 2004

In reply to the Office Action dated August 9, 2004, the period for response to which extends through November 9, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, and 17-19 remain pending.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-6, 9, and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as unpatentable over Tepman (U. S. Patent No. 5,951,775) in view of Sumnitsch (U.S. Patent No. 6,056,825); and rejected claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tepman in view of Sumnitsch, and Morita et al. (U. S. Patent No. 5,815,366). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.